



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

Each choice we make causes a ripple effect in our lives.

When things happen to us, it is the reaction we choose that can create the difference between the sorrow of our past and the joy in our future.

THIS WEEK'S ABOUT

This week's About is being sent home on Wednesday instead of tomorrow, Thursday, due to the Western Region Swimming Carnival being held tomorrow which many children will attend.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING

Good luck to all our swimmers who will represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble tomorrow Thursday, 26 February. Congratulations to all these sensational swimmers: **Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Dylon Murray, Billie Allan, Jack Oehm, Jacob Harland, Sarah Temple, Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge, Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Rani Diggs, Kelsey Hutchison, Hamish Beveridge, Jacob Wilson, Martin Fryers, Ashleigh Carlow, Amelia Murray, Lucy Davis, Olivia Ferguson, James Kildey, Harry Spora, Jye Day, Marshall Ryan, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Grace Alchin, Zoe Welsh, Oli Schier, Sophie Hassall, Mike Raglus, Alex Beveridge, Zac Ferguson, Emily Skinner, James Ferguson, Will Spora, Emilie Hassall.**

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We will once again be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign this year. We will be collecting rubbish in the area bordered by Chelmsford Avenue, the railway line, Warren Road and Wamboin Street next Friday, 27 February. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 21 March

Only Three Weeks Away!

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and **WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS**. Helpers are needed on Wednesday, 18 March, Thursday, 19 March and Friday, 20 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 22 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area and marquee and clean up. Also needed on the night of the ball are people to assist in the bar and kitchen. People actually attending the ball may like to give up an hour of their time, while those not attending may be able to give a couple of hours. If you are able to help please fill in the note with today's newsletter and return it to school by next Thursday, 5 March.

CLEANING UP AFTER THE BALL

One of the least favourite jobs each year seems to be cleaning up after the Ball on Sunday morning. If we could get 20 volunteers then it would all be done in two hours. Any less than 20 and the poor old volunteers are there all day. We really need 20 helpers on the Sunday. Please help!

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 28 February

There will be another working bee for the ball this Saturday, 28 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can only spare an hour or so it would be greatly appreciated, so please try and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser.

YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS

Year 1 and Year 4 are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 1 March at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

for great number and counting work, **Kimblee Gilmour** for trying hard in

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Thursday, 5 March

St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2015 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held on Thursday, 5 March in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend especially the family and friends of the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies. It is a fantastic celebration where we get to learn a little more about the newest members of the Joey's family. Morning tea will follow the liturgy and we ask Year 6 parents to please bring a plate.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD

Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group should fill in the tear-off slip attached to today's newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school no later than Friday, 13 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2015, ie, the age the child is turning this year. The school will assist any children wishing to enter the eisteddfod with their selection of a poem. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

KINDER/YEAR 1 NURSERY RHYMES

At the Dubbo Eisteddfod in June, Kinder and Year 1 children (six years and under) are invited to enter the singing section – Nursery Rhymes in Costume. In the past, children who have entered have enjoyed it greatly and gained much from the experience. If your child wishes to enter you must be prepared to take your child to Dubbo on the day and prepare the costume. We will help find a rhyme and teach it at school. If you wish your child to participate, you might also complete the tear-off slip attached to today's newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 13 March.

TERM 1 FEES

The Term 1 Fee accounts are with today's About. Prompt payment of these fees would be appreciated. Bishop Michael McKenna has approved for all primary schools across the diocese, the transition to a single tuition fees for all K-6 primary students. 2015 will be the first year of this transition. The transition to the single fee will be applied to Kindergarten this year. That means that for 2015 the annual tuition fee for Kindergarten students will be the same as for students in Years 3-6.

LIBRARY NEWS

The new library bags have arrive. They can be purchased from Mrs Hodge for \$4.00 each.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

On Tuesday, 10 March MacKillop College Bathurst is having an open day for Year 6 girls called the 'Taste of High School'. All students are invited to attend for the day and there will be tours of the facilities for parents. Families just need to contact Mrs Kathy Ashley on 63382200 in advance to let the school know of their arrival.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday. **KINDER:** **Lucas Fong** for writing an interesting story about rainbow dragons, **Justin Coleman** for great counting to 10, **Alicia Fordham** for great skills in reading, **Eliza Larkin** for always being reverent during prayer and **Isabelle Mudford** and **Jaida Tarrant** for frequently contributing to the sound table. **YEAR 1:** **Rani Diamond** for beautiful manners and being organised in class, **Sam Dunn**

handwriting, **Brooke Woollams** for super spelling results, **Millie Spora** for always having well prepared news items and **Beatie Davis** for trying hard in Grammar. **YEAR 2:** **Jett Chandler** for trying hard in Spelling, **Nick Tancred** for being an active participant in lessons, **Billie Allan** for great work in Comprehension and **Harry Mudford** for a super effort in Reading. **YEAR 3:** **Jade Elsom** for showing reverence at our Ash Wednesday Mass, **Dennis Gale** for trying hard to complete all set tasks, **Ry Heffer** for excellent work in Problem A Day, **Chloe Mudford** for always 'Giving Of Her Best', **Aiden Walker** for careful work in Comprehension and **Daniel Kirsop** for reading tricky texts carefully. **YEAR 4:** **Tylah Anforth** for completing all tasks with diligence and enthusiasm, **Jessica Scholte** for using imagination to complete writing tasks, **Anton Davis** for creating a lovely symmetrical snowflake and **Mackaylah Ross** for reading with great fluency. **YEAR 5:** **Aliza Purvis** for a fabulous effort in Sentence A Day activities, **Mary Westwood** for a mature approach to Year 5, **Tyler Evans** for working hard to get all activities completed and **Jett Grimshaw** for his enthusiastic approach to writing. **YEAR 6:** **Kate Gilmour, Olivia Newstead** and **Alex Beveridge** for writing detailed sentences in Spelling, **Lachlan Fairey** for reverence during prayer and **Jye Day** for a mature approach to his learning.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

Thursday, 26 February - Western Region Swimming
Carnival - Coonamble
Friday, 27 February - Clean Up Australia Day
Saturday, 28 February - Ball Working Bee - 9:00 am.
Sunday, 1 March - Years 1 and 4 Sunday Mass - 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 6 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 3 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Dubbo
- Support Teachers Meeting
Wednesday, 4 March - Support Teachers Meeting
Thursday, 5 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.
- AEW Meeting
Friday, 6 March - Audit
Saturday, 7 March - Ball Working Bee - 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 7 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 10 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival back-up date
Thursday, 12 March - Year 2 Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, 14 March - Ball Working Bee - 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 8 - Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, 17 March - St Patrick's Day Mass - Year 5 (Years 3-6) - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 18 March - Grandparents Day
- Eisteddfod Entries due
Thursday, 19 March - Moorambilla - Gilgandra Public School 9:00 - 10:00 Boys, 10:00 - 11:00 - Girls
- St Joseph's Day - Mass (K-6) - 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Friday, 20 March - Polding Swimming - Homebush
- Principals Meeting
Saturday, 21 March - St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been learning what to include in our story writing. We are particularly focusing on capital letters, full stops and spaces between words in our sentences. Our reading this week, has been on the nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty'. Next week is revision week with our sounds. In Mathematics the children learnt new mathematical terms including area and sorting data. In our Science unit we discussed specific scientific weather words and what they mean and explored different symbols that are used to describe weather. In PDHPE we learnt the difference between active and passive activities. Students were asked to sort out different types of activities. Just a reminder to please bring in a paint shirt with your child's name on it and if anyone has any magazines that are no longer needed, these would be appreciated. Take care - Miss Belinda Bourke

YEAR 1 Another busy week has flown by in Year 1. We have been focusing on recounts in our writing and trying very hard to sequence our events correctly. We are also looking at some interesting facts about zebras. In Maths we are learning to 'count on' when adding numbers to

20 and finding one half of groups. In PDHPE we discussed how important it is to be active and to get involved in fun games and sport. We are very excited about our Mass on Sunday at 9.45am and hope to see many of our family and friends there. We also watched a short DVD about the people in Fiji who benefit from our donations to Project Compassion. We are so lucky in Australia to have enough food to eat. In Art we completed some amazing looking tigers using water colour paints and crayons. Remember to keep reading at home each night and bring your Maths Mentals book in on Friday. Have a good weekend. Mrs Alison Newstead & Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 2 This week we enjoyed watching the Pixar animation, "Birds On A Wire" and writing a recount of the story. In Grammar we are looking at common nouns and in Spelling we are continuing to investigate the 'bossy e'. As part of our Science unit, 'School Yard Safari' we are having fun learning about worms and snails - eeww!! We finished off our paper pirates with everyone creating a fierce pirate name for their artwork. Some of the 'scary' names included: 'Captain Golden Tooth', 'Captain Hookface' and 'Captain Polkadot', to name a few. Continuing with our pirate theme, each table has been named after a pirate ship and the 'crew' all work hard to score points to receive 'treasure' each week. Have a great weekend. Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 3 has had another busy week! This week we have worked on the spelling rule 'change f or fe to a v and add es'. In Grammar we have been working on learning about plural nouns. In Comprehension we have read about an interesting text called 'Trumpet Troubles'. We have discussed the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting in Religion. During our Maths activities we have learnt about multiplication facts, prisms, cylinders and measuring in centimetres. In Science we have identified different animals by describing their unique features. Our PDH lesson focused on the different food groups. Have a wonderful weekend. Mr Damien Soares

YEAR 4 This week we have spent time preparing for our Mass on Sunday. A big thanks to all of you that can make it. During Spelling we are revising the sounds we have learnt so far this term and our spelling rule is the 'bossy e' rule. Our Grammar focus is 'verb tense' and in writing we have begun planning a description of our grandparent. During Maths we have worked on subtraction strategies, revised multiplication facts and made 3D objects using plasticine. HSIE this week has been about the consequences of British colonisation on Aboriginal Australians. Have a nice weekend and see you on Sunday. Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 5 We have made it to Week 5! This week has been extremely busy for our class and we are only up to Wednesday. In Grammar we are learning all about the use of verbs and trying hard to remember the new saying to go with it. We are powering through our writing as we start to complete expositions and I must say everyone has done a tremendous job. Year 5 has been also looking at speeches as we prepare, at home and in class, for our upcoming presentations. In Maths we have been looking at expanded notation as well as converting fractions to decimals. HSIE has seen us reflect upon the exploration of Antarctica by Sir Douglas Mawson and his party. Best of luck to all those travelling to Coonamble for swimming tomorrow. Have a great weekend. Mr Tim Keady

YEAR 6 In Maths we have been learning long division using the 'HMS Bring Down' method. It is quite a challenge, however Year 6 is determined to get it right! We have also been investigating equivalent fractions and area of a triangle. Our Grammar focus has been verbs and we have been experimenting using more interesting forms of the common verbs we use every day. This will help improve the standard of our writing. In HSIE we have continued to learn about Antarctica and this week we have concentrated on the explorers and discovery of this isolated and frozen continent. Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 27 February - Leanne Stephens & Donna Wheatley
Monday, 2 March - Penny Zell & Danielle Bonnington
Wednesday, 4 March - Sheree Staggs & Lorraine Hutchison
Friday, 6 March - Alicia Heffer & Suzanne Campion

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 1 March - Martin Fryers, Charlie Banks, Lachlan Fairey, Montana McGrath